

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**Claims 1-2 (Canceled).**

3. (Currently amended): ~~The classic IBDV mutant according to claim 1, A classic infectious bursal disease virus (IBDV) mutant that expresses a VP2 protein that binds with monoclonal antibody (moab) B69, wherein the VP2 protein also binds with moab 67, secreted by hybridoma cell lines HB-9437 and HB-11122, deposited at the ATCC, Rockville, USA, respectively,~~ wherein the mutant comprises one or more mutations in a classic VP2 coding region, such that the coding region comprises,

- (i) a codon for the amino acid at position 222 encoding ~~an amino acid selected from the group consisting of serine and~~ threonine, and
- (ii) a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID. No. 1, SEQ ID. No. 2, SEQ ID. No. 3, SEQ ID. No. 4 and SEQ ID. No. 5 at positions 318-323.

4. (Currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The classic IBDV mutant according to claim 3, wherein the coding region comprises a codon for the amino acid at position 330 encoding an amino acid selected from the group consisting of arginine and serine.

5. (Currently amended): The classic IBDV mutant according to ~~claim 1, claim 3,~~ wherein the mutant comprises one or more mutations in a VP2 coding region of IBDV strain D78.

6. (Currently amended): The classic IBDV mutant according to ~~claim 1, claim 3,~~ wherein the mutant comprises a genomic segment A of ~~a classic IBDV, preferably of~~ IBDV strain D78.

7. **(Currently amended):** An immunogenic composition for raising antibodies in poultry against IBDV comprising a classic IBDV mutant according to ~~claim 1~~, claim 3, together with a ~~pharmaceutical~~ pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
8. **(Previously presented):** The immunogenic composition according to claim 7, wherein the classic IBDV mutant is in a live form.
9. **(Currently amended):** The immunogenic composition according to claim 7, ~~wherein the vaccine~~ which further comprises one or more ~~vaccine components~~ immunogens of other pathogens infectious to poultry.
10. **(Currently amended):** The immunogenic composition according to claim 7, ~~wherein the vaccine~~ which comprises an adjuvant.

**Claims 11-19 (Canceled).**

20. **(New):** A classic infectious bursal disease virus (IBDV) mutant that expresses a VP2 protein that binds with monoclonal antibody (moab) B69, wherein the VP2 protein also binds with moab 67, secreted by hybridoma cell lines HB-9437 and HB-11122, deposited at the ATCC, Rockville, USA, respectively, wherein the mutant comprises one or more mutations in a classic VP2 coding region, such that the coding region comprises,
- (i) a codon for the amino acid at position 222 encoding an amino acid selected from the group consisting of serine and threonine, and
  - (ii) a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID. No. 2, SEQ ID. No. 3, SEQ ID. No. 4 and SEQ ID. No. 5 at

**positions 318-323.**

**21. (New): A classic IBDV mutant according to claim 20, wherein the coding region comprises a codon for the amino acid at position 330 encoding an amino acid selected from the group consisting of arginine and serine.**

**22. (New): The classic IBDV mutant according to claim 20, wherein the mutant comprises one or more mutations in a VP2 coding region of IBDV strain D78.**

**23. (New): The classic IBDV mutant according to claim 20, wherein the mutant comprises a genomic segment A of IBDV strain D78.**

**24. (New): An immunogenic composition for raising antibodies in poultry against IBDV comprising a classic IBDV mutant according to claim 20, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.**

**25. (New): The immunogenic composition according to claim 24, wherein the classic IBDV mutant is in a live form.**

**26. (New): The immunogenic composition according to claim 24, which further comprises one or more of other pathogens infectious to poultry.**

**27. (New): The immunogenic composition according to claim 24, which comprises an adjuvant.**